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Bartering Away The Public Morals



BOUT fifty years ago the U. S. Supreme Court, in upholding the anti-lottery law, in the case of *Stone vs. Mississippi*, gave this as its opinion:

"No legislature can bargain away the public health or the public morals. The people themselves cannot do it much less their servants. Government was organized for their preservation."

Under the influence of this moral ideal the nation during the latter half of the nineteenth century rid itself of legalized gambling and prostitution. In 1920 by the Eighteenth Amendment it rid itself of the legalized liquor traffic. All three of these were splendid achievements. But this ideal is utterly repudiated today. A revolution could not have more completely reversed our national policy as to the exploitation of the vices of the people for the sake of revenue.

The sweeping away of our National Prohibition was largely done for this reason. The enactment of laws legalizing and taxing horse racing, dog racing and slot machine gambling and book making for athletic sports have thrown down the bars for gambling. That all of these yield a considerable revenue, no one denies. But we do assert that is the bartering away of the public morals for the sake of revenue.

Many other forms of gambling are clamoring for the same standing before the law. There is a bill before Congress now to establish a national lottery. A considerable number of cities during the last year or two have discussed the reestablishment of the red light districts for the sake of taxing what some call "an unpreventable evil."

Woe unto him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity. Hab. 2:12.

Numbers, gambling all sorts of raffles, drawings and lotteries, conducted by social, benevolent organizations and churches are conducted in spite of the law. These and gambling resorts of every sort flourish in our larger cities, largely under the moral coverage of the licensed forms. Bootlegging of alcohol and narcotics are taxed though hardly tolerated or legalized. How soon they will be no one knows.

The reckless and tremendous extravagance in public expenditures has vastly increased the temptations of all sorts of vice. That we shall go further in this unsocial, illegal, unconstitutional, humanity despising and God defying policy, is quite possible and highly probable. But even now we are bartering away the public morals with the abandon of a miner on a spree after his strike.

But there stands the curse of the Almighty God upon every man who builds a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity. It is a red light hung over this highway to national destruction. Whether God will vindicate his laws and his warnings by a process of natural law, which will bring national impoverishment, general criminality, wide spread disease and such wholesale political corruption as will make either drastic reform or revolution an unquestioned necessity for even national life itself, or whether He will chastise us with the sword of a foreign invader as He did the nation against whom this curse was first pronounced we cannot tell. But this is certain that the laws of his moral government are as inevitable as those of the

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The Totalitarian State

Rev. J. C. Mathews, Birmingham, Mich.

That the problem suggested by this subject is a recent one is indicated by the fact that the very expression itself is one that has scarcely found its place in our common vocabulary. Yet the problem is recurrent rather than something new under the sun. Before there was any English language there was many a totalitarian state. The Roman Empire, for example, deified itself and incense to the Emperor was required on occasion of all citizens on pain of death. Many a Christian in the early days sealed with his life's blood his witness to the supremacy of Jesus Christ over the Empire.

In Detroit on February 26-28, 1936, was held an Institute sponsored by the Committee on Social Justice of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church on the subject, Religion in its Relation to Communism, Fascism, the Totalitarian State and Secular State Socialism. The Institute had on its program men of national and international reputation, most of them widely travelled students of world affairs who spoke of conditions of which they had first hand knowledge.

Dr. John Haynes Holmes defined the Totalitarian State in one word—Germany. And then proceeded to describe conditions there as he had observed them during the past summer. There were certain outward conditions manifest in the Germany of today very different from the Germany of former days. There was also what was described as a certain inward condition—the mind or spirit of Germany today, which is the mind of the totalitarian state.

This term conveys very adequately the thought it is intended to express for in a totalitarian state there is nothing of importance but the state—the state is everything. In Germany even minor geographical divisions of the nation have disappeared. There is no longer a Bavaria and a Saxony and a Prussia. There is only Germany. All state lines have been abolished. All governmental machinery has been concentrated in Berlin. Formerly there were a number of political parties in Germany, each representing a considerable sector of the populace. There was a Catholic party, a Communistic party, a Liberal party, but today these have all been abolished and there is only one party. In an election within the year there were some five thousand brave souls who

dared vote against the Nazi regime, but it is doubtful whether they would dare to do so now for in August of the past summer at a great Nazi conclave it was proclaimed that now the Nazi Party is Germany. Noticeable also is the disappearance of all independent social groups. These have all been taken up and incorporated into the state. Labor unions, fraternal organizations, athletic clubs cannot exist except as a part of the state. They must submerge themselves and their particular aims and exist only to further the aims of the state which in this case is the Nazi party.

The persecution of the Jews began partly because they were an alien group. They did not belong to Germany proper. Their presence was a hindrance to the solidarity and type of unity which national leaders had in mind. The ruthless and relentless promotion of this part of the program is just one indication of the utter disregard generally of humanitarian interests in the realization of the totalitarian state.

The most persistent of the social groups has been the church, but the ideals of the Nazis will not be realized until every church is completely under the domination of the state. The Protestant churches of Germany have been drawing part at least of their support from the government. This has come from the taxes paid by the general public. It might seem therefore that the government would have the right to make demands of the church and expect to get what it was paying for. This situation has embarrassed the churches of Germany in the present crisis. But their independence rests upon something deeper and more fundamental than the matter of financial support—which makes them a factor to be considered under the second division of this study, the Mind of the totalitarian state.

It is very evident there must be some unifying mind or spirit behind such a political phenomenon as appears in Germany.

There is, of course, the personality and genius of Hitler, described by those who know him as "half-mad-man, half genius," "one of the greatest orators of our day," "a fanatic," "a master-mind."

There is also the Fascist dictatorship which through military force provides the power for the accomplishment of desired objectives, us-

ing a "blood purge" if necessary. A totalitarian state can be built on pure force, but there is a better way and that is through the development in the people of the nation of the totalitarian mind.

Hence there has been preached again in Germany, zealously, that doctrine with which the German people have been familiar at other times, that the Germans are a distinct people, a superior people, a "chosen people," having traditions and a certain genius and a mission important enough to all the world to make it imperative that they be preserved. This requires that the German stock be preserved in its purity. Hence the expulsion of the Jews, an alien stock. But there is a psychological value in this expulsion as well. One way to unify a group is to make it hate some other group (a very common method of procedure in war time). So the hatred of the Jews is being used as the flame to weld more firmly the solidarity of the Nazi party.

Another element in the development of the totalitarian mind is the development of the neo-paganistic religion based on old German gods, heroes and traditions. This religion, we are told, is quite well organized with what might be called a creed and certain rituals of worship centering around the great facts of life, birth, marriage and death. Little children are being "baptized" in this religion. It has its disciples, as zealous as any Christians. Christianity is being recognized and rejected by the Nazi party as an unsatisfactory religion for the German people because it is not distinctly and exclusively German. Therefore the efforts of certain Protestant groups in Germany to find some formula which will be acceptable to the churches as well as to the Nazis is doomed to failure because the Nazis do not want any such adjustment to be made. The Christian religion is essentially opposed to the totalitarian state whether it be a Roman empire or the Germany of the Nazis or any nation endeavoring to usurp power beyond that which has been given it as a divine institution answerable to God for all its policies, aims and acts.

Of course, our interest in all this centers around its meaning for our country. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion of this Institute that Fascism, (which is now a world phe-

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Perfect The Higher Controls

Rev. Wm. Parsons, D.D.

Four types of forces shape the life of every nation. They are: natural checks, the checks of prohibitive law in government, national necessities, and what in the jargon of modern sociology have come to be called the "higher controls." In the language of the street, the home and the church they would be called, natural laws, prohibitive civil laws, national ambitions, and education, morality and religion. The stability, the progress and beneficent or malevolent character of every nation depend upon which of these forces is chosen as the dominating influence in its life.

National Necessities

There are several nations today that have established the real or fancied national necessities to rule them. These are Germany, Italy, Japan and in quite another direction the Union of South Africa. They plead the necessity of more territory for their growing races, a place in the sun for their culture, kultur or peculiar institutions, the necessity for white supremacy. That they have deliberately created these national necessities by their national policies is evident to all but themselves. That these national necessities are shaping all their laws, education, religion and national ideals is their boast. The ambition of leaders has stimulated reproduction and the removal of the natural checks to fecundity has created this necessity. Dominated by this artificial necessity three of them are fast becoming nations that will scourge the earth with their militaristic policies until that eternal law of God that "he that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword" is once more demonstrated in their career. The burdens of war will destroy them even if the swords of the rest of the world fail.

Russia falls into this class under a slightly different necessity. She realizes that a communistic state cannot continue to live in an individualistic world. It has never yet produced either the stamina or the provisions of a virile race. Therefore she is driven by this necessity to attempt to destroy every other nation by planting and fostering communism among their people. She does this in the hope that they will disintegrate and perish or turn communistic. In her method of combat international war is relegated to a secondary place and civil war is nurtured as the means of ob-

taining her ends. But whatever may be the peculiar national necessity which dominates, it is bound sooner or later to bring that nation into conflict with the rest of the world and involve it in war and disintegration.

Natural Checks

The second set of forces which play upon national life are the natural checks upon racial growth and individual excesses of all sorts. These are the natural death rate, the limits of the national domain in its resources needed to support the people, the historic national customs, war, whether international or civil, and the necessities of toil and thrift. President Cutting of Colgate University in a recent address said that "a civilization which removes natural checks more rapidly than it fosters higher controls, commits suicide." One of his specifications was the attempt to run the world on a moral basis before there had been sufficient individual or social morality developed so to govern it. Another was the preservation of the life of the feeble minded before we had the moral conviction as to the righteousness of sterilization. He might have added to these the entire program of public health activities to prolong the life of the unfit before there was sufficient development of education, morality and religion to willingly undertake their support. Another illustration might be the campaign to eliminate venereal disease before the ideals of Christian chastity had developed to the extent that they would prevent general promiscuity.

But the point we wish to make here is that a nation which submits to the domination of natural checks becomes a stagnant nation. Between that and national suicides there is little to choose. President Cuttings position is sound but from it we must not argue the permanent dependence upon natural checks to preserve national virility and progress.

Prohibitive Laws

The third force which shapes a nation's life are the checks of civil government. The prohibitive laws which it enacts and enforces in order to protect society against the aggressions and exploitations of predatory individuals are all included here. Laws against counterfeiting, duelling, rape and education, fraud and robbery, fighting or ex-

cessive speed, the maintenance of nuisances, prohibitions placed upon arms manufacturing and sale, upon the liquor traffic and gambling are some of these artificial checks to which government must resort in order to preserve and develop a progressive national life. A nation which removes these or neglects to develop them before it has education, morality and religion enough to eliminate them is bound to commit suicide as does a drunk or a rogue. A nation which depends upon these for its virility is doomed to disappointment. In the long run a nation's laws grow out of the hearts of its people and apart from the higher controls they are certain in the end to wear down their laws to their desires. No one who knows history or human nature believes for a moment that a nation can be made moral by law. The law must be supported by education, morality and religion to be effective. All that any one ever expects of law is that it shall make it easy to do right and hard to do wrong, that it conserve what the higher controls develop and restrain the depredations of predatory individuals and forces. But to fling away these checks before the higher controls have had time and opportunity to develop the individual is to commit national suicide. Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment is rapidly demonstrating this fact.

The Higher Controls

For our nation then the higher controls that must be the ultimate dependence of the nation, in the order of their importance are, about as follows: the Christian religion, the cultivation of Christian morality, an education that equally balances the training of intellect, the emotions and the conscience toward God, the cultivation of Christian national ideals, and the maintenance of all wholesome national ideals and customs as long as they are either conservative or creative.

Education of the intellect alone will not do it. That will simply increase the family of Mephistopholes. The education of the intellect and the emotions will not achieve the desired end. That will simply increase the number of Stanford Whites or Epsteins or Gertrude Steins. But to leave out the cultivation of the emotions and leave them in their primitive state may swell

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PEACE THROUGH THE PRINCE OF PEACE

What turmoil and strife among the nations! Wars and rumors of wars! Italy invading helpless Ethiopia! Germany in violation of her solemn obligations under the Locarno Pact sending her troops into the Rhineland! Japan and Russia girding for the coming conflict! Preparation for war on a scale never before known in the world's history! The diplomats of the nations hastily gathering in conferences to prevent the outbreak of another great conflict! The League of Nations hastily summoned to grapple with the impending peril!

What is sufficient to meet the situation? One thing, and only one. The political leaders will scoff at it. Idealistic! Impractical! Impossible! they will exclaim and so will many would-be leaders who call themselves Christian. But, after all, it is the one practical solution of this gigantic problem.

It is the acceptance by these nations and their governments of Him who is Savior-King of nations as of men, the endowment of the national spirit by His Spirit of humility, righteousness, and brotherhood, and the coming together of the representatives of these nations at the council table in this spirit to settle their differences.

Where are the political leaders getting us with their policies? Nowhere. Let them try Christianity. Let them invite the Prince of Peace to their conferences. Let them give Him whom God has made "the Governor among the nations" the seat at the head of the conference table. Let the Christian leaders of the world point these political leaders to Jesus—the Savior-King of the world—as the way out of international strife and warfare. Let the church obey the great command "to disciple the nations." Let the gospel of national repentance and national acceptance of Jesus be pro-

claimed from every pulpit to those great social personalities we call nations, persuasively and unceasingly, as these pulpits proclaim this same Gospel to individual men. Jesus alone is able to meet the international situation. Says the prophet Isaiah: "He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. . . . And he will judge between the nations and will decide concerning many controversies. And they will beat their swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

THE GAMBLING MANIA

What can Christian citizens do in opposing the gambling mania which is sweeping over America with cyclonic force? For one thing, they can become informed on the evils of gambling and tell others thus building up a public sentiment against it. They can join with others in seeing that the law against gambling is enforced to stop all forms of prohibited gambling in their community. They can vigorously protest against all proposed laws to legalize gambling in their own state and at Washington.

There are now two iniquitous gambling bills before Congress which they should vigorously oppose. A hearing on House of Representative Bill No. 10387 to legalize horse race gambling in the national capital is scheduled for March 12th. The bill provides for a "Racing Board" to supervise the game and collect the daily rakeoff, thus making Uncle Sam a partner in the pari-mutuel racket. Protest to your Congressman and Senators.

House of Representatives Bill No. 3414, to establish a national lottery to put \$1,000,000,000 annually in the United States treasury. Employees of post office to assist, and advertising and ticket delivery franked, U. S. Mail. Express your righteous indication to your Congressman and Senator. Also to Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

IMPORTANT BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS

We are in receipt of a fine article from our friend, Mr. H. N. Pringle, Washington, D. C., containing a list of 19 bills before Congress, some good, some bad, with brief explanation of each and suggesting the appropriate action by those who stand for the things that are right. We regret we cannot publish it on account of lack of space.

We are glad, however, to be able to give our readers the information it contains on a few of these bills: (two of them appear above).

The Guyer Bill (H.R. 8739) to abolish traffic in intoxicating liquor in District of Columbia. Send communications to Hon. Mary Norton, District of Columbia Committee, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.

The Cullin-Capper Bill (H.R. 8404 and S. 541) to restrain the liquor trade from inter-state transmission of liquor advertisements by mail, newspapers, picture films and radio. Send communications to Congressman Cullkins and Senator Capper and ask them to place before Committees on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

The Neely-Pettengill and Culkins Bills, to stop block booking and blind selling of picture films. Hearings have already been conducted on these bills. Write your Congressmen and Senators urging their passage.

PROGRESS ON BEHALF OF THE SABBATH

Within the past few months real progress has been made in the work for the restoration and maintenance of the Christian Sabbath.

Reference was made in our last issue to the place the United Presbyterian Church has given to the study of the Sabbath in its Spiritual Life Program for 1936. The Board of Administration of this church has set apart six weeks, in September and October, for study of this subject in the congregations, young people's societies and missionary societies throughout the church. This is really facing the Sabbath issue. It is an endeavor to meet this issue in a practical and effective way.

In focusing the attention of the entire church upon this question for this period of time the leaders of this church are setting up a new standard. They are blazing a trail for other churches to follow.

In our last issue we also gave the two year educational campaign, chiefly educational but also legislative, adopted by eleven (now fourteen) Pennsylvania state organizations for the recovery and maintenance of the Sabbath in this state. On another page in this issue will be found the action taken by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh of the Presbyterian Church of some 150 congregations. At the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education in Chicago in February, it was voted to include the Sabbath in their "Learning for Life" study courses. This opens the way for the study of this subject in adult Bible classes and groups brought together for the study of this subject under the direction of Councils of Religious Education, throughout the country.

We are thankful that The National Reform Association has had a part in

the advance steps indicated above. Also that the United Presbyterian Board of Administration, the Pennsylvania organizations referred to above and the Presbyterian Presbytery of Pittsburgh, have endorsed and recommended for use in the study of the Sabbath, our two books on the Sabbath—"The Day" and "Six Studies on the Day."

LAYMAN LEADERSHIP

Aggressive leadership in the field of reform is needed among laymen as well as among ministers today. As an example of what an earnest Christian layman thoroughly devoted to a cause can do, we wish to cite recent activities of Mr. John A. Fackler of the Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., on behalf of the Sabbath. In the fight over Sunday movies last fall he took a leading part in his city and county in stirring up pastors and other leaders on this issue securing and distributing literature and arranging for public meetings for the discussion of this subject. He arranged for a mass meeting in his own city and a union service of the churches in a town nearby on the afternoon and evening of the Sabbath preceding the vote on this issue and invited the President of The National Reform Association to address these meetings. Both meetings were attended by from 700 to 800 people. He also secured 200 copies of our booklet on the Sabbath, "Six Studies on the Day" and distributed them among the religious leaders of his city and county. His city and county voted solidly against Sunday movies.

If in each county and community in Pennsylvania there were a Mr. Fackler, it would be comparatively easy to cover this entire state with literature and public meetings in an aggressive campaign for the restoration and maintenance of the Lord's Day. We have no doubt there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of laymen in Pennsylvania who can do what this Christian layman of Allentown is doing. Let the laymen take the lead!

SUNDAY BASEBALL ISSUE

In 1933 the Legislature of Pennsylvania enacted a law for a compulsory local option vote on Sunday baseball and football, by cities, boroughs and townships throughout the state in the November election of that year. One of the provisions of this law is that this issue can be brought up again and voted on in each of these political units "but not oftener than every three years," and on petition to governing body signed by citizens numbering at least 5% of the highest vote cast for any candidate in the last election. The petition must be presented at least 60

Homegoing of Mr. Charles N. Hanna

On January 15, 1936, Charles N. Hanna departed this life. He was a life-long friend and supporter of The National Reform Association. The Board of Directors of the Association adopted the following, prepared by J. S. Martin, D.D., and R. A. Hutchison, D.D., as an expression of appreciation of Mr. Hanna and his services to the Association.

In the recent homegoing of Charles N. Hanna, the Board of Directors of the National Reform Association have sustained a real loss. For twenty-five years he was in our midst as a counsellor and supporter both morally and financially. When the Association undertook the task of promoting World Christian Citizenship Conferences he was among the first generously to underwrite the same, even advancing hundreds of dollars to insure its success with little or no assurance that it would ever come back. Nor did he cease the support of the work with this noteworthy contribution. All through his years of service on the Board he was a regular contributor, a faithful attendant at meetings, a wise counsellor and a loyal supporter of those who bore the brunt of battle in days of storm and stress. We are glad to pay tribute to his memory, not only as a Christian and a citizen, but also and especially as a Christian citizen—one who in the realm or sphere of citizenship was loyal to what he believed to be the teaching of the Master whose he was and whom he sought to serve.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his widow and children and assure them of an interest in our prayers in this the hour of their bereavement.

days before the election. It will be three years this fall since the vote was taken in 1933. Doubtless there will be many places throughout the state where the friends of the Sabbath will want to force a contest on this issue in the November election. We are informed this will be done in the city of Philadelphia. In addition to an opportunity to shut Sunday baseball and football out of local communities, this will furnish an issue on which to carry on an educational campaign on behalf of the Sabbath in Penna. Take advantage of it. Put on a fight.

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nomenon existing in varying stages in some ten or more nations of the world and because of its essential dictatorship produces in every case a totalitarian state of some degree) is the least to be desired for the United States of the various forms of political economy under consideration by the Institute, but withal the most likely to be established here. There was a difference of opinion as to the imminence of any such movement. The opinion was expressed that it would have to be primarily military in character in order to be realized.

The power of such so-called 100% loyal groups as the American Le-

gion, the thinly veiled military character of such movements as the CCC Camps, the significance of wide spread legislation demanding oaths of allegiance of school teachers and naturalization of aliens, the effort to force through various forms of military gag rules, together with continued unemployment on a much larger scale than is generally realized and unrest in many other spheres of our social and industrial life give pause for serious consideration to all friends and advocates of Christian civil government. At best the present secular character of our government is a tremendous handicap, favoring these disintegrating forces. Multitudes of the Christian people of our land are living loosely, carelessly, indifferently while such bulwarks of Christian civilization as we possess are being demolished. They should be awake and not only on guard but on the aggressive against the encroachment of secular and godless interests upon our liberties. The best defense is frequently in offense and so it should be in this case — an increasing demand that our government be given a Christian basis and that its moral bulwarks be strengthened consistently as a guarantee of our liberty and a safeguard against such tyranny as we see demonstrated in one and another of the totalitarian states now in existence.

Association Activities

The National Reform Association was represented by its President at the annual meeting of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council at the Dodge Hotel, Washington, D.C., January 14, 15, 1936. This Council represents the affiliated Dry agencies of the United States, about thirty national and state organizations. Twenty of these were represented by from one to five delegates. The Council was presided over by Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, President of the National W.C.T.U. The President of our Association was placed on the Executive Committee.

Recently Dr. R. H. Martin addressed the students of Calvin Theological Seminary of the Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., on the subject of the Sabbath and presented copies of "The Day" to each of the thirty-five students. This trip and the presentation of these books was made possible through the generosity of three brothers, Christian laymen of this church. He also addressed the students of Calvin College also located at Grand Rapids.

Dr. Martin attended two recent meetings at Harrisburg of the representatives of ten state groups which for the past two years have been cooperating in the interests of moral reforms in Pennsylvania. The first of these meetings was held in January. The second was an all day session held on February 21. The subjects under discussion were the Sabbath, Temperance and Gambling. Committees were appointed which brought in a program of action on each of these subjects which was adopted by the representatives of all these organizations. The purpose of these conferences is to secure cooperative effort in the interests of legislation furthering these reforms and also as far as possible cooperation along educational lines. Steps were taken to secure cooperation of these various groups on a county as well as a state basis throughout the entire state.

Rev. R. A. Blair, D.D., of New Kensington, Pa., who spoke for our Association at Winona Lake last summer, has been leading the fight on behalf of the Sabbath in his community. Under his leadership a campaign was conducted last fall in opposition to Sunday movies which resulted in the defeat of Sunday movies in the November election by a small majority. He is now chair-

man of a ministerial group to carry forward an educational program in the community on behalf of the Sabbath. Twenty-five copies of "The Day" have been secured which will be given to the pastors of the community to stimulate an interest in this subject. On four successive Sabbath afternoons in March a group composed of representatives of the churches in the community—pastors, Bible school teachers, young people's leaders and others—will meet for the study and discussion of the Sabbath question under the leadership of Dr. Blair. "Six Studies on the Day" will be used as the textbook.

Dr. Martin had a conference with Harry C. Munro and P. R. Hayward, officers of the International Council of Religious Education, regarding the introduction of a study course on the Christian Sabbath in the courses of study sponsored by the Council. These leaders were interested and expressed their approval of the idea. Other members of the Council were also contacted. We are glad to learn that at the annual meeting of the Council held in February the Adult Department group voted to include a course on the Sabbath in their "Learning for Life" program. The effect of this action will be far-reaching in the study of this vital subject throughout the United States.

In February a letter was sent out to a large number of our friends appealing for funds to carry forward the work of our Association. We wish through the columns of The Christian Statesman to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to all those who responded to this appeal. We should like to write each of them personally to let them know how deeply we appreciate their help but with our limited staff and means this is impossible, so we take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to each one of you. Without your help we could not carry on.

Winona Lake, Indiana

This summer The National Reform Association program at Winona Lake will extend over two weeks—Monday to Friday inclusive, beginning July 27th and concluding August 7th, with two addresses daily at 10 and 11 A.M. followed by open forum discussions. The speakers are Cameron Ralston, formerly of The National Reform Association and now Director of Religious Activities, Washington and

Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., and Dr. R. H. Martin, President of The National Reform Association.

The general subject of the former's addresses will be, "Study of Life's Amateur Hour" and the latter, "The Christianity the World of Today Needs."

Montreat, North Carolina

For the first time The National Reform Association will this summer conduct a conference at Montreat, N.C., Mecca of Southern Presbyterians, where this church holds its church conferences, and whither Presbyterians and others to the number of many thousands gather each year.

The conference will cover a period of ten days, beginning June 21st and closing July 1st. There will be three addresses in the forenoon and evening (on the week days of the conference), with open forum discussions, and the Sabbath services for the two Sabbaths of the conference will be addressed by conference speakers.

The speakers from The National Reform Association will be Rev. William Parsons, D.D., now of Inverness, Florida, and Rev. R. H. Martin, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa. Other speakers will be from the Southern Presbyterian Church. While the program has not been completed, the topics discussed will include a wide range of subjects related to the Kingdom of God, Christian Government, the Sabbath, Temperance, the Movies, Gambling, Christian Public Education and International Peace.

Montreat is in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, and is one of the most beautiful, picturesque and healthful sections of America. Living accommodations are ample and reasonable. We invite our friends, south and north, to come to Montreat for this conference. For full program and further information address The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

MORMONS SPEAKING IN Y.M.C.A.

The following self-explanatory clipping from a Rochester, N. Y., paper reaches us as we go to press:

"A series of lectures sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) will be given soon at the Central Y.M.C.A. auditorium by prominent men of the church.

"The first lecture will be given February 23, at 7 P.M., by Don B. Colton, president of the Eastern States Mission. Mr. Colton's subject is 'Mormonism, A Plan of Progress.'

"Included among the speakers will

be Roscoe A. Grover, member of the faculty of New York University, Dr. Harvey Fletcher, consulting engineer of the Bell Telephone System, and Senator William H. King. Their discourses will treat the historical and philosophical aspects of Mormonism. These lectures are to be free as these men, just as the young missionaries of the church, give freely of their time and abilities."

It seems surpassing strange an organization calling itself Christian should lend its influence to the promotion of a system in our country—a wolf in sheep's clothing—that teaches polygamy, deifies it and holds that belief in Joseph Smith is essential to eternal salvation. If those in charge of the Rochester Y.M.C.A. will take the pains to secure a copy of the latest edition of Doctrine and Covenants (which to the Mormons is the same as the Bible to Christians) and read paragraphs 61 and 62 under Section 132 entitled, "Revelation on the Eternity of the Marriage Covenant, including Plurality of Wives," we think they will be ready to deny the leaders of this polygamous un-American system the use of their building for the propagation of their heathen cult. Otherwise we suggest that they delete the name of Christian from their organization.

QUIET OBSERVER COLUMN

Rev. H. B. Mansell

The advertising columns of the daily papers tell us of whiskey without a "morning-after" headache; the news columns carry items that contradict the highly paid advertising experts. A fortnight ago a man and his wife ending a Sunday's drinking with a trip to oil pumping stations. They quarreled. The man threw his fifty-year-old wife into the machinery, went home and killed himself. Some days later the wife died in a hospital. Last week a lad of eighteen was caught carrying a bottle of whiskey to high school. He was sent home. Instead he came to Pittsburgh, went to a hotel, took poison and shot himself, dying later in a hospital. Did he buy the liquor at a State store? A reading of the law fails to discover any word forbidding the sale by such a store to a minor. Repeal was to save our youth by giving them stamina to resist temptation. One wonders what the wealthy women who urged repeal think now? Especially those whose own children pay the price.

It is bad enough that the government's revenues are less than a fifth

of the sum promised by the repealing "Crusaders"; but what of the heavier price our youth pays? It is bad enough that Roosevelt is raising the income taxes on the rich to make up the deficit repeal does not meet; but what of the greater suffering that comes to the homes of the poor through liquor? The rich will still have enough to buy necessities; but the liquor stores deprive the children of the poor of food and clothing. No wonder that the "Council for Moderation" has suspended operations. Such schemes served only as means of beguiling wealthy men to support repeal; they are quite impotent to control the unleashed tiger of drink.

And how the papers do urge safety on the highway; but they advertise liquor for a price. Already it is admitted that 1936 will set a new high for accidents and deaths. The safety measures are reducing accidents during hours when liquor consumption least affects conditions. But the increases for the hours just after the bars are closed more than offset the gains. Every year the equivalent of a city of 36,000 persons is wiped out. Another of 105,000 is filled with permanently disabled victims, a burden to themselves and to society. While the number of temporarily injured passes the million mark. And the cost in money has been estimated by the National Safety Council, no dry organization, at over a billion and a half dollars. Liquor is undoubtedly present in a large percentage of these accidents. Dr. Heise's researches gives the proportion as 62 per cent. If so then the cost of liquor causing automobile accidents is double the revenue received. How long will the people be penny wise and dollar foolish!

Perfect The Higher Controls

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the coffers of the movie magnates or the pornographic magazines but will wreck the nation on the shoals of a depraved art and amusement. If the Christian religion is left out we simply develop an idealism without power or a conscience that approves the Juggernaut or suttee. The Beatitudes of Nietzsche reveal that. Without the control of the Christian religion and its system of morals a Christian civilization becomes a high powered car without brakes or a steering wheel, a ship with engines and a propeller but no rudder.

In the meantime, wisdom dictates that we substitute for every natural check that is removed the check of human law. Those who recently

have howled their heads off in destroying the Eighteenth Amendment have simply demonstrated their mental and moral imbecility or dense ignorance. These bulwarks of society must be erected and maintained at all costs if we hope to maintain a progressive national life. But while doing that the power of the state, the church and all voluntary organizations must devote themselves to the development and the maintenance of the Christian religion, the Christian morality, an inclusive education and a national idealism built on all of these.

Our National Policy

A sane policy for the United States today is that while putting forth all reasonable efforts to develop these higher controls, we first of all broaden our education to include the conscience as well as the body and mind; enter and support the league of nations with all of its sanctions retained until the world outgrows the necessity for them. Then we ought to broaden and strengthen the principle of constitutional prohibitions which we have in the Thirteenth Amendment and once had in the Eighteenth, until it meets the needs of present day life. Then embody more perfectly the Decalogue in our statutory laws both Federal, state and municipal. In our ideals we need a larger appreciation of Lowell's principle that "Man is more than constitutions," more than property, and whatever militates against humanity must be sloughed off. Any other course for us spells either stagnation or national suicide.

BILLY SUNDAY

THE MAN AND HIS MESSAGE

By Wm. T. Ellis, LL.D.

Published by the John C. Winston Co., Philadelphia—500 pages, \$1.50.

In this most interesting and helpful book the unique and dynamic personality of this man whom God used to win more souls to Christ than any other man of his generation, is made to live again. It is made up largely of extracts from Mr. Sunday's sermons and contains in full his famous "Booze" sermon which alone is worth the price of the book. It also includes Mr. Sunday's autobiography and a concluding chapter by Mrs. Sunday and a tribute from Homer A. Rodeheaver who was associated with Mr. Sunday for more than 20 years. A good book for pastors and religious leaders to have in their libraries. An excellent book to place in public libraries.

The Presbytery of Pittsburgh of Presbyterian Church

Takes Advance Action On Sabbath Observance

At a recent meeting of this Presbytery the following were appointed a Committee on Sabbath Observance: Rev. Harold J. Ockenga, D.D., Pastor, Point Breeze Presbyterian Church; Rev. Stuart Nye Hutchison, D.D., Pastor, East Liberty Presbyterian Church; Rev. George C. Fisher, D.D., Pastor, Highland Presbyterian Church.

This Committee reported to the Presbytery at its meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, on February 11, 1936. The report was adopted and the Committee continued.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance

There is great need in our churches for education regarding the Christian Sabbath. An outstanding church leader has said that, "an utter absence of an intelligent apprehension of the day," is the greatest foe of Sabbath Observance.

There has been great need of up-to-date literature on this subject, dealing with it on a scriptural basis and also meeting present day Sabbath issues. Two years ago Dr. R. H. Martin, formerly Director of Sabbath Observance in the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, and now President of The National Reform Association, produced a book on this subject entitled, "THE DAY," which has been highly commended in our own and other churches. It is a book specially suited to meet the needs of pastors and church leaders who have need for a somewhat thorough and comprehensive study of this subject. A few months ago he brought out a booklet entitled, "SIX STUDIES ON THE DAY," prepared specially for use as a textbook in the study of this subject by classes and groups.

With a view to promoting a better understanding, appreciation, and use of the Lord's Day among our own church people, to their better equipment for doing their part in maintaining it and assisting in a state-wide effort now being made for its recovery and maintenance in this commonwealth, we recommend:

1. The securing, reading, and study of these books in our congregations—"THE DAY," by church leaders; and "SIX STUDIES ON THE DAY" by others and for use in study classes and discussion groups.
2. That in each congregation a small committee (or an individual) be

selected to promote the above ends.

3. That this subject be studied, wherever possible, in Bible classes, young people's societies, missionary societies, or in groups brought together for this purpose with a capable leader.
4. That pastors be asked to preach on this subject and encourage the carrying out of this program.
5. That this effort be continued for at least the remainder of the year 1936 and your Committee be continued to guide and promote it.
6. In view of the fact that constant effort will be required to carry forward this program successfully, that we ask the cooperation of Dr. Martin, author of these books, and of his Association in carrying for-

ward the program especially in providing a group of persons, minute-men, to present this program to leaders in congregations.

7. In view of the fact that efforts are already under way to provide a fund for supplying a limited number of these books to initiate this movement in congregations and in promoting this Sabbath cause, we commend this effort to our congregations and people as worthy of support.

Bartering Away Public Morals

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physical universe. He will uphold and vindicate his warnings. We in the end can only be sufferers from this immoral policy. The revenue from it will be a curse and not an advantage. The people in time will come to despise a government that so abrogates the very functions it was created to perform.

W. P.

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